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/ Longitudinal guiding element for motor vehicle seat

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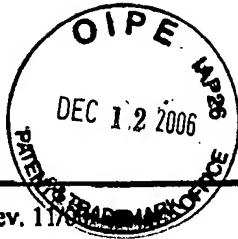
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **LONGITUDINAL GUIDING ELEMENT FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
103 17 239.4	Germany	10 April 2003	YES

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